

Association of Public Library Administrators
Litchfield Beach, Georgetown County
May 12-13, 2005

Present: Paula Paul, Marilyn Tsirigotis, Sharon Rowe, Richard Band, Sue Rainey, Martha Baily, Tucky Taylor, Sarah McMaster, Penny Harvey, Ann Ramsey, Yolanda McCormick, David Lyon, Jim Johnson, Wlodek Zaryczny, Beth McNeer, Norris Wootton, Dwight McInvaill, Salley Davidson, Bev James, Bill Cooper, Mary Jo Dawson, John Gaumer

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Yolanda McCormick called the meeting to order. She thanked Dwight McInvaill for the good arrangements.

Minutes presented. Ann Ramsey moved to accept. Mary Jo Dawson seconded. Jim Johnson made change from Rep. Harrell to House Ways and Means committee as being responsible for increased funding.

Bill Cooper gave oral financial report. The report will be posted soon. All legislative day expenses have been paid. All book bag payments are in except for one library. The booth at SCAC has been paid for. The book bag project has a total cost of \$10,288.20 so far. It will balance out, not make money. No bill has been received yet from USC for brochures.

State Library Report – Jim Johnson

The Budget Conference Committee report went to the full legislature yesterday, was passed and is awaiting governor's signature. It has been a good budget year.

State Aid is back to \$2 per capita. Internet access is in budget as is DISCUS money. \$1.5 million in USC budget for Augusta Baker chair – was not a request from the university.

There is \$2 million in PASCAL for Electronic Library for academic libraries. "Collegiate DISCUS" is their planned collection of databases.

\$200,000 in LSTA money has been put aside for DISCUS. K-12 community will also be asked for contribution. Amy Duernberger is new DISCUS coordinator.

It was asked that Reference USA be added to DISCUS.

\$450,000 for children's library of Williamsburg County put in from Senator McGill. This was not asked for and purpose is unclear.

We did not get extra \$25,000 Sen. Malloy asked for, probably was not specific enough.

Documents bill passed. The State Library is working with CIO to make decisions about server.

H. 3244 bill concerns reports required by the legislature from various agencies. State Library is trying for amendment to get automatic copies.

State Library is going to let us carry forward both lottery and Department of Revenue money until September 30th. This is because it is so late in year.

Good chance that LSTA will be increased for next year – increase has been asked for.

Patti Butcher will start July 1st. Jim Johnson will be working with her in transition for six weeks.

Jim Johnson suggested that APLA might again have a liaison to State Library Board. This person would rotate every few months. He also recommended (both to APLA and Board) that APLA make official legislative agenda budget suggestions to State Library Board. This would set a good precedent. It might be a good committee project to be submitted to membership electronically. Request would go to Patti with copy to Board.

Suggestions included maintaining \$2 per capita, \$25,000 per system for technology and raising minimum supplement to \$50,000. Also non-competitive LSTA grants of \$10,000 for small

systems. David Lyon suggested LSTA money for a union catalog. Capital Improvement Fund mentioned – bringing it back.

Yolanda McCormick brought up new item. Contract for Professional Services – this is just APLA.

Jim Johnson spoke to State Ethics Commission. There is a \$100 fee for lobbyists and \$100 for organization for registering. SCLA perhaps should be the umbrella registrant. School libraries will be meeting soon as will academic ones. Travel will be at request of APLA. Most events would be in Columbia so no expense.

(In the liaison contract) it was moved that “School library-media centers” to be changed to “public libraries,” “SCLA” to be changed to “APLA.”

David Lyon moved to change start date to July 1st. Ann Ramsey seconded that.

There was discussion as to meaning of budgets and hearings. Dwight McInvaill moved to change to monitoring “state and federal budgets” and “attending state hearings.” Beverly James seconded. Dwight McInvaill amended motion to include all four changes. Motion carried.

Next session will start at 2 P.M. when vendors are present.

Dwight McInvaill suggested group meet tonight at Hanser House at 6:30 P.M.

Yolanda McCormick asked about book vendors. Paula Paul mentioned Baker & Taylor had problems paying. David Lyon said they had financial problems but still there. Also there are certain items only available from one or the other. Title Source II can be slow in afternoon. Three vendors will present then we will vote. There was discussion of various vendor experiences.

Yolanda McCormick adjourned for lunch at 11:25 A.M.

Yolanda McCormick called the meeting back to order at 2 P.M.

- Baker & Taylor began the book vendor presentation. Vicky Lester covers five states for Baker & Taylor. The Southeast Service Center is in Commerce, Georgia. There are two headquarters – one in Charlotte and one in New Jersey. Their publications are in hard format or in PDF on the web (www.btol.com.)
Title Source II – four million titles – in-print, out-of-print, forthcoming. It is normally \$1895 but good offer for bid. They have added a new server to cope with problems of Title Source II but it might be an Internet Explorer conflict.
- Brodart – John Brockington. Library services only – no retail outlet. Value-added services – located in Pennsylvania. Collection development and technical services assistance. www.Bibz.com – includes Kirkus Reviews for free. Retrospective collection development lists available. TIPS – Title Information Preview Service. Customizable lists with detailed profile. Still available in hard copy.
- Ingram – Candy Ortman and Pamela Smith. Four distribution centers. 1 million titles in stock but access to over 4 million. Ingram Library Services, Inc. – separate company. Easy to determine discounts. Print-on-demand titles. Tennessee and Pennsylvania would be customary distribution centers. LaVergne, Tennessee is comprehensive. Three levels of ipage – basic (free), advanced, professional. “Price this list” – quick way to determine your discounted price. Electronic newsletters in addition to other publications.

Yolanda McCormick announced a brief break.

Meeting called back to order just before 4 P.M.

Bill Cooper passed out paper for balloting. He reviewed bids briefly. He was commended on the presentation of the material.

Votes for bid:

Baker & Taylor – 11

Brodart – 2

Ingram – 12

Ingram has the majority vote for the book bid. Bill Cooper commended for his work.

Beverly James spoke on some concerns for next year.

Lack of attendance is an issue. Does location impact this? Columbia is centrally located.

Pickens and Easley were listed as new libraries to visit. Colleen Carney's new building would be open in spring.

August 4-7 – South Carolina Association of Counties will be at Hilton Head. Penny Harvey suggested regular APLA meeting August 5th at Hilton Head and social for Patti Butcher on August 24th after Strategic Planning meeting in Columbia. APLA will also meet at SCLA in October on Wednesday morning, October 26th. Colleen Carney might do Spring Retreat at Monk's Corner. State Library budget has to be submitted in September. Legislative Committee could be working on this.

Legislative Day will be in late February. Legislative Workshops – low response. Maybe videotape presentations for us to show to boards. School of Mass Communication could help here.

Dwight McInvaill and Todd Stephens were commended for e-mails with contact information for legislators.

Jim Johnson reminded everyone to thank their own legislators for their support for libraries after budget is signed.

There could be a possible meeting in December, perhaps December 2nd in Pickens. Beverly James will ask Marguerite Keenan. May 18th & 19th might be Monk's Corner.

The decision was made to meet tomorrow at 9 A.M.

Meeting adjourned just before 5 P.M.

May 13, 2005

Yolanda McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

The first order of business was election of officers – review of the slate. Sarah McMaster moved to accept the slate by acclamation. Motion seconded.

Wlodek Zaryczny nominated for at-large position. Beth McNeer nominated as second at-large person. Penny Harvey was nominated to be liaison to State Library Board. Someone needed to do booth for SCAC but not decided yet.

There was a brief break.

The slate of officers was discussed. Wlodek Zaryczny agreed to do SCAC booth for next year. Two at-large members are traditional. Beverly James will appoint committees. Slate approved unanimously.

The officers are:

Beverly James, President

Colleen Carney, Vice-President

William Cooper, Treasurer

Sharon Rowe, Secretary

Wlodek Zaryczny, At-Large

Beth McNeer, At-Large

Penny Harvey, State Library Board Liaison

Yolanda McCormick asked if anyone had heard from local Adult Education contact persons. Three people have heard. Some local programs are using different software. Other directors contacted Adult Education. Yolanda McCormick encouraged other systems to contact Adult Education to report back at our next meeting.

Yolanda McCormick spoke of how much she has enjoyed being president and how much she appreciated all the help.

Beverly James took over the meeting.

Planning for next year – work with and support other organizations around the state.

We need to go ahead and plan state-wide priorities before budget money is all announced (federal budget not until October) for LSTA. Union catalog and state-wide library card are suggested issues. Beverly James asked if anyone could research these. Jim Johnson suggested Felicia Vereen and Thomas Reddick. Salley Davidson and Penny Harvey said they would help with this. There was discussion that a union catalog might naturally evolve into state-wide library card. LSTA funds could be used to cushion impact of providing extra services. Reimbursement to net lenders has been done in other states. Academic libraries in South Carolina already have their version of a state-wide library card. The catalog committee is to report back no later than SCLA with status report at SCAC in August.

David Lyon would like any additional LSTA money to go toward databases. There is already a DISCUS database committee – there is uncertainty who is representing public libraries because it changes. Amy Duernberger will be sending out a survey. Ask Amy Duernberger to get trial databases. Additional databases were suggested – RefUSA, Chilton's, Gale (Author series), Consumer Reports, Morningstar, Ancestry Plus, Heritage Plus. Each system is to send three suggestions to David Lyon. Learning Express, various auto repair, and Salem Press databases were also discussed.

Beverly James asked about Library Administration division of SCLA. Marilyn Tsirigotis said it is designed for middle managers. Beverly James has been asked to do a program for this roundtable for SCLA. Marilyn Tsirigotis will bring a list of members to the next APLA meeting.

The Trustee Section has been kept separate because combining with Public Libraries would give too much money to one section. Meeting time of conference is not conducive to working trustees. If meeting went back to Saturday, then the Trustee Institute could be held at conference. A motion was made to recommend to SCLA to change their bylaws to have the SCLA Conference Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and to include the Trustee Institute on Saturday. Wlodek Zaryczny and Dwight McInvaill moved and seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Colleen Carney asked about a mentoring program for new directors which had been previously discussed. Salley Davidson agreed to chair a Welcome Committee.

Ann Ramsey announced that Chester County Library will be featured in Sandlapper.

Wlodek Zaryczny asked that \$50,000 be requested for Technology Grant in legislative agenda. Dwight McInvaill noted change.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rowe, Secretary